

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A binder capable of applying binding forces to binding legs that have been inserted through passages formed in a base extending in the longitudinal direction, characterized in

that the base has a plurality of base-forming members that are arranged relatively movably along the longitudinal direction and that can form the passages,

that each of the base-forming members has at least one operating portion that moves when the base-forming members are moved relative to each other, and

that it becomes possible to press or release each of the binding legs by operating the operating portion in a predetermined manner.

2. A binder capable of applying binding forces to binding legs that have been inserted through passages formed in a base extending in the longitudinal direction, characterized in

that the base has a plurality of base-forming members that are arranged relatively movably along the longitudinal direction and that can form the passages,

that each of the base-forming members has first and second operating portions that move when the base-forming members are moved relative to each other,

that the second operating portions move away from each other and press the binding legs onto their

binding positions when the first operating portions are moved toward each other, and

that the binding legs are released and the first operating portions move away from each other when the second operating portions are moved toward each other.

3. The binder according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the base-forming members are common in shape, and

that the base is formed by combining the base-forming members.